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Bennie G. Thompson, Ranking Member

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**Statement of House Homeland Security Committee Ranking Member
Bennie G. Thompson on Naming of Donald E. Powell as Federal Coordinator in the
Gulf Coast Region**

“It is ironic and strange that an Administration that has had so little success in responding to Hurricane Katrina thinks it can solve the problem by adding another layer of bureaucracy,” said Thompson. “Hurricane victims, as well as state and local officials, need local decision making and empowerment to get the job done, not another overseer in Washington at the Department of Homeland Security.”

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